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WIDE CUT HARVESTER HAVING	)	
ROTARY CUTTER BED	)	

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Sir:

SECOND STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR CHANGES TO CLAIMS  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.173(c)

Following is a statement of the status of the claims in the instant reissue application and support for changes made therein as of the date of the amendment submitted herewith. The changes in the claims are with respect to the claims as they appear in Patent 5,463,852 at the time of filing this reissue application:

Claims 1-69 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-64 and 66 remain as originally patented in U.S. Patent 5,463,852 without any amendment.

Claim 65 has been amended as compared to its form in Patent 5,463,852 but remains in the same form as in the Preliminary Amendment filed January 26, 2004.

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Claims 67, 68 and 69 are newly added as compared to the claims of Patent 5,463,852 but remain in the same form as in the Preliminary Amendment filed January 26, 2004.

The following sets forth exemplary support for the claim changes, with reference to the column and line number from Patent 5,463,852 (support for all claim preambles may be found in the original claims and will not be repeated herein):

<i>Changes</i>	<i>Support</i>
<b>Claim 65:</b>	
a cutter bed including a series of rotary cutters extending across the path of travel of the machine and rotatable about individual upright axes [.] :	punctuation changes
<u>said cutter bed further including an elongated, transversely extending, generally flat, hollow gear case below the cutters;</u>	Fig. 4; col. 5, ll. 7-14; col. 1, ll. 55-66; col. 2, ll. 23-30
a crop discharge opening located behind the cutter bed for receiving severed crop materials from the series of cutters [,] :	punctuation changes
<u>a pair of transversely extending, oppositely rotating conditioning rolls disposed within and spanning said discharge opening above and behind the cutter bed for conditioning crop materials received from the cutters,</u>	Fig. 2; col. 6, ll. 15-19; from U.S. Patent 5,272,859 (incorporated by reference in 5,433,064 at col. 4, ll. 61-64): Figs. 2, 7 & 9, col. 4, ll. 34-44
said series of cutters including a group of <u>multiple pairs of intermediate</u> cutters positioned in front of <u>and</u> aligned with <u>said</u> discharge opening with the first and last cutters of said group being located adjacent <u>said</u> opposite ends of the discharge opening,	Fig. 2; col. 5, ll. 1-11; col. 7, ll. 59-64

<u>said means for driving the end cutters including gears within said gear case; and</u>	col. 1, ll. 55-63; col. 2, ll. 23-30
<u>a pair of upright, generally cylindrical impellers outboard of each of said opposite ends of the discharge opening,</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67
<u>each pair of said impellers being disposed higher than the cutters and rotatable in the same direction as one another such that front extremities thereof move generally inwardly toward the discharge opening.</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67; col. 14, ll. 3-7
<b>Claim 67:</b>	
<u>each said pair of impellers including an outer impeller and an inner impeller,</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67
<u>said outer impeller being rotatable on the same axis as the end cutter and said inner impeller being rotatable on the same axis as the next adjacent intermediate group cutter.</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67
<b>Claim 68:</b>	
<u>said front extremities of the outer and inner impellers being generally in transverse alignment with one another and generally parallel with a front edge of the cutter bar,</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 13, ll. 63-67; col. 14, ll. 1-28
<b>Claim 69:</b>	
<u>said impellers each comprising a cage having a series of upright members arranged in a circumferentially spaced pattern.</u>	Figs. 2-9, 13-18; col. 5, ll. 61-63; col. 6, ll. 64-67

The amendments to the claims are explained in further detail in the accompanying Amendment filed herewith.

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